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2002 Fire in Washington Report Now Available Online

Chief Ronal W. Serpas announced today that the *2002 Fire in Washington Annual Report* is now available for download and viewing on the Washington State Patrol Web page.

The report includes comprehensive detailed information on emergency responses in the state of Washington as reported by the fire service. Over 50% of fire departments throughout the state reported data for analysis and inclusion in the report, a 39% increase over 2001. There were 31,965 actual fire incidents, resulting in over \$141 million dollars in property loss, and 208,000 emergency medical calls that were reported and are detailed in the report.

To view the report, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/nfirs.htm> and click on *2002 Fire in Washington Annual Report*.

State Fire Marshal Mary Corso would like to thank the fire departments, districts, and county fire marshals that participated in data collection that made this report possible. Fire Marshal Corso states, "The men and women of the fire service are demonstrating their commitment to public safety by providing accurate accounts of the incidents occurring throughout our state. This data will aid in our efforts to decrease loss of life and property from fire and will lead to a safer Washington."

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information, you may visit our Web page at www.wsp.wa.gov and then click on State Fire Marshal.

For more information on data collection or statistics, contact your local fire department or the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (360) 753-0493.

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